

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in this application. Claims 7, 14, and 20 have been amended. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicants enclose an Information Disclosure Statement and PTO Form 1449 for the Examiner's review and consideration. Applicants believe no fee is due with this Information Disclosure Statement because Applicants are concurrently filing a Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

Request for Continued Examination

Applicants also enclose a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal.

CONCLUSION

Applicants have now made an earnest effort to place this case in condition for allowance in light of the amendments and remarks set forth above. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the claims as amended.

Applicants enclose an RCE Transmittal and check in the amount of \$790.00 for the RCE fee. Applicants also enclose a Petition to Withdraw from Issue and a check in the amount of \$130.00 for the Petition fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees necessary or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2148 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

If there are any matters concerning this Application that may be cleared up in a telephone conversation, please contact Applicants' attorney at 512.322.2689.

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